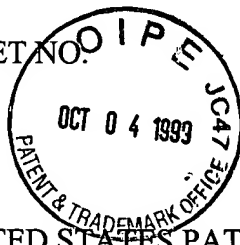


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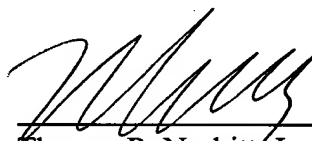
Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species, which is set forth in the Office Action mailed August 31, 1999, the species of Fig. 6 is hereby elected. The claims that read on the species of Fig. 6 are claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 11.

Attached for consideration and approval by the Examiner are copies of substitute drawings (4 sheets).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any additional fees, including extension fees, required in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377. If required, we request an extension of time for responding to the Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment - 4 sheets of drawings